

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) 2:13-CR-207-KJD-(CWH)
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MATTHEW NICHOLAS,)
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Defendant.)

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

This Court finds that on October 9, 2013, defendant MATTHEW NICHOLAS pled guilty to Count One of a One-Count Criminal Indictment charging him in Count One with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). Criminal Indictment, ECF No. 1; Change of Plea Minutes, ECF No. 20; Plea Agreement, ECF No. 21.

This Court finds defendant MATTHEW NICHOLAS agreed to the forfeiture of the property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Indictment. Criminal Indictment, ECF No. 1; Change of Plea Minutes, ECF No. 20; Plea Agreement, ECF No. 21.

This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (2), the United States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Criminal Indictment and the offense to which defendant pled guilty. Criminal Indictment, ECF No. 1; Change of Plea Minutes, ECF No. 20; Plea Agreement, ECF No. 21.

The following assets are subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c):

- a. a Smith and Wesson Pistol, model 4043, .40 caliber, serial number TVC6854;
- b. a Mossberg shotgun, model 500, 12 gauge, serial number U029499;
- c. a Ruger rifle, model 10/22 with Archangel 5.56 22LR; and
- d. any and all ammunition (“property”).

This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should, reduce the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all right, title, and interest of MATTHEW NICHOLAS in the aforementioned property is forfeited and is vested in the United States of America and shall be safely held by the United States of America until further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet government forfeiture website, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Order, which shall describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable statute when a petition contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name and contact information for the government attorney to be served with the petition, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6) and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(2).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States Attorney’s Office at the following address at the time of filing:

Michael A. Humphreys
Assistant United States Attorney
Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse
333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 5000
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice described herein
2 need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by the appropriate agency
3 following publication of notice of seizure and intent to administratively forfeit the above-described
4 property.

5 DATED this 31 day of October 2013.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Ray Southwick, Forfeiture Associates Paralegal, certify that the following individual was served with a copy of the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture on October 30, 2013, by the below identified method of service:

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